

**MINUTES OF THE
HIGHWAY JURISDICTIONAL TRANSFER TASK FORCE**
Tuesday, August 16, 2005 – 9:00 a.m. – Room W125 House Building

Members Present:

Sen. Carlene M. Walker, Senate Chair
Rep. James A. Ferrin, House Chair
Sen. Sheldon L. Killpack
Rep. Craig W. Butters
Rep. Tim M. Cosgrove
Rep. Joseph Murray
Mr. Craig L. Dearden
Mr. Kenneth L. Bassett
Mr. Clyde R. Naylor
Mr. John Njord
Mayor Jerry C. Washburn
Mr. Ron Whitehead

Members Absent:

Sen. Scott D. McCoy
Mayor Peter M. Corroon

Staff Present:

Mr. Mark B. Steinagel, Policy Analyst
Ms. Shannon Halverson, Associate General Counsel
Ms. Tracey Fredman, Legislative Secretary

Note: A list of others present, copy of related materials, and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

1. Committee Business

Chair Walker called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

MOTION: Rep. Murray moved to approve the minutes of the June 28, 2005 meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Cosgrove was absent for the vote.

2. Recommendations for Draft Road List

Mr. Ahmad Jaber, Program Director, UDOT (Utah Department of Transportation), summarized the concerns and suggestions expressed by local municipalities who met with UDOT to discuss the proposed route transfers in their cities. He said that the potential mass transfer of roads without sufficient flexibility to account for the uniqueness of each situation appears to be the greatest concern. Mr. Jaber also discussed funding issues.

Linda Hull, Director, Legislative and Government Affairs, UDOT, commented on the Master Road Bill which recommends road transfers on a yearly basis.

Committee discussion of the B and C formula followed, including suggestions for other potential funding options.

Mr. Jaber distributed and explained the information presented in "Jurisdictional Transfers - UDOT Costs to Operate, Maintain, and Preserve - August 5, 2005."

Mr. Arie Van De Graaff, Legislative Analyst, Utah Association of Counties, distributed "Counties' Response to UDOT Highway Jurisdictional Transfer Proposal." He discussed funding concerns, particularly in rural areas.

Mayor Jerry C. Washburn, Orem City Mayor, distributed "Utah League of Cities and Towns Report on Jurisdictional Transfer of Roads." He said the League (Utah League of Cities and Towns) recommends consideration of appropriate jurisdiction of roads to be considered by local governments together with UDOT on a case by case basis.

Mr. Ken Bassett, Vernal City Manager, discussed the need for efficiency in road maintenance and funding concerns. He said that if the transfer of a road's jurisdiction is to occur, the League recommends that a separate and independent formula be created to ensure the money needed to maintain the road is received by the jurisdiction that has taken over care of that road.

Mr. Lincoln Shurtz, Policy Analyst, Utah League of Cities and Towns, commented on the League's suggestions to give consideration to renegotiation of use agreements and the transfer of title together with the transfer of maintenance and reconstruction responsibilities.

Mayor Washburn said the League proposes that UDOT and representatives from local governments be required to provide an annual report to the Transportation Interim Committee on the results of any jurisdictional transfer assessment process that has occurred the previous year.

Mr. Shurtz distributed a packet of correspondence received by the League on the subject of potential road transfers. He reviewed additional elements of the "Utah League of Cities and Towns Report on Jurisdictional Transfer of Roads" and responded to questions from the Task Force.

Mr. Brad Mortensen, Weber State University, commented on the potential transfer of campus roads.

Mr. Pete van der Have, Assistant Vice President, Plant Operations, University of Utah, commented on the potential transfer of campus roads on the University of Utah campus.

Mr. Gaylord Gardner, President, Brighton Estates Property Owner's Association, commented on a portion of SR 224 that goes from Park City up to the Wasatch County line. Mr. Gardner believes UDOT should keep jurisdiction of that road.

Mr. Gary Hill, Legislative Liaison for Park City, said that Park City is not opposed to jurisdictional transfer of the upper portion of SR 224, but is opposed to the transfer of the lower portion.

Mr. David Christensen, property owner, commented on the transfer of SR 224.

Chair Walker discussed whether the Task Force should create a process for the consideration of jurisdictional transfers including requiring the Transportation Commission to consider jurisdictional transfers and present an annual report to the Transportation Interim Committee outlining recommendations for proposed road transfers.

Chair Walker stated that budget issues will be discussed in the next meeting on August 30 including a reevaluation of B and C road funding and the consideration of imposing a statewide impact fee. She also asked the League and the Utah Association of Counties to further refine their recommended transfer lists.

3. Other Items/Adjourn

MOTION: Sen. Killpack moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Murray was absent for the vote.

Chair Walker adjourned the meeting at 11:32 a.m.